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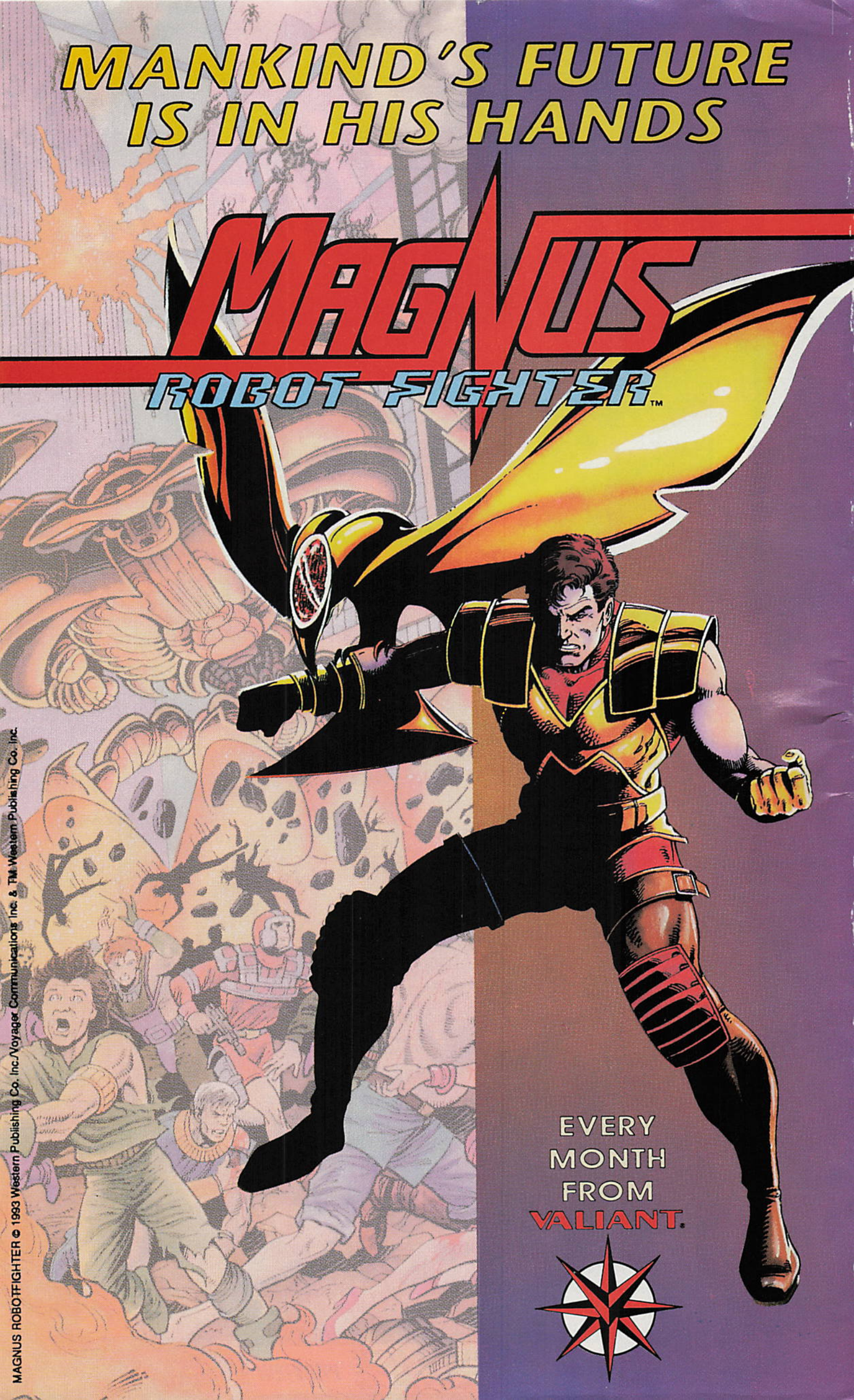
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IS IN HIS HANDS
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NEXUS
the GIFT HORSE
THIS WAS A GREAT IDEA, LEEJA. IT'S A PERFECT DAY FOR A PICNIC.
YES...(sigh)... BUT EVEN HERE IT SEEMS WE CAN'T GET AWAY FROM THE ROBS...
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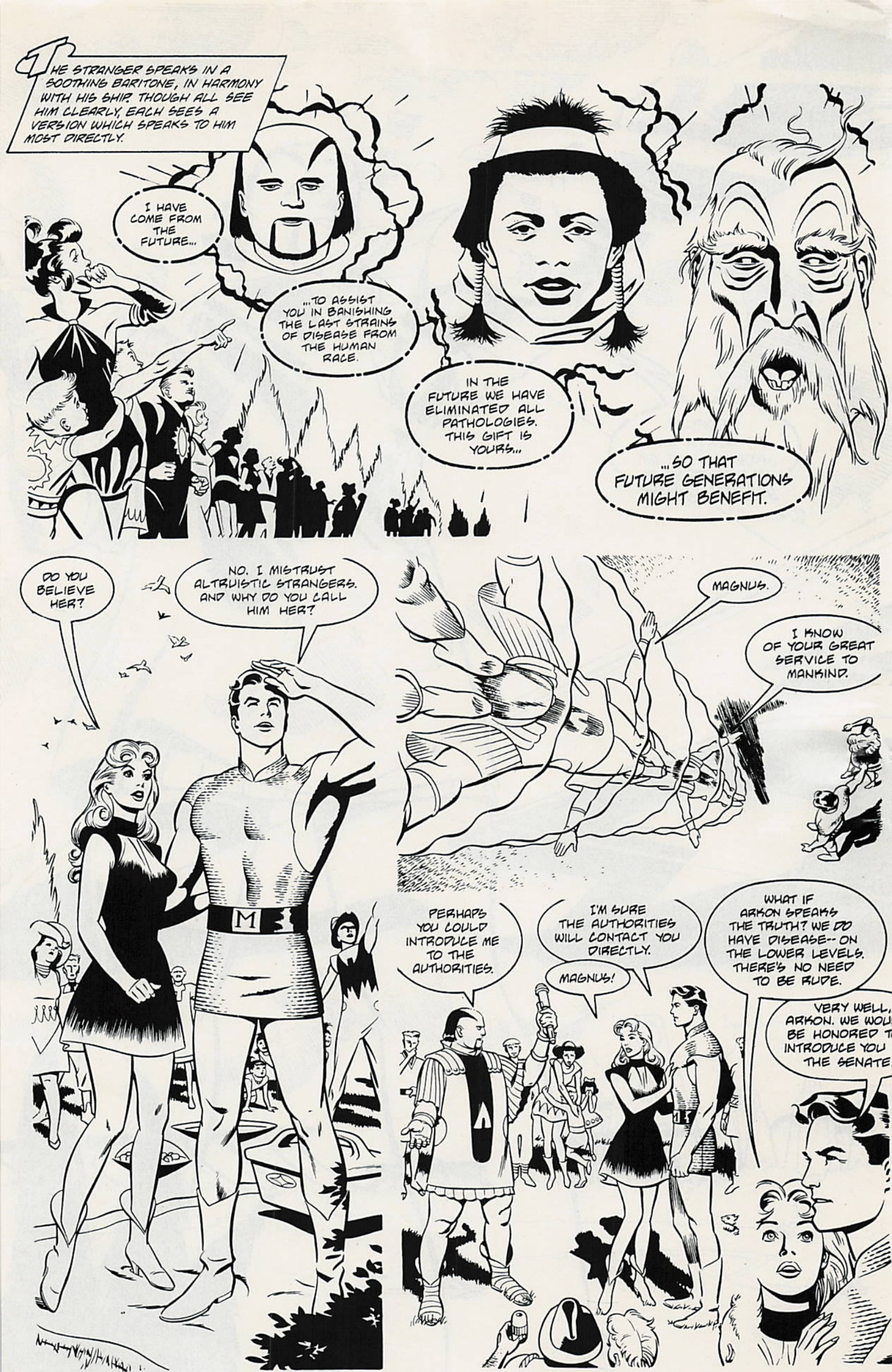
IT WILL TAKE TIME TO CHANGE PEOPLE'S ATTITUDES.
MAGNUS...
LOOK! IT'S BIGGER THAN A SKYSCRAPER!
MUST BE TWO KLICKS IN LENGTH.
MAGNUS, I'M FRIGHTENED.
IF SUCH A CRAFT COULD APPROACH UNDETECTED, WE'RE ALL TERRIBLY VULNERABLE.
I THINK THE PEOPLE ARE BEGINNING TO REALIZE THEIR DEPENDENCE. LOOK! IT'S OPENING.

THE HUGE SHIP HOVERS A KILOMETER ABOVE THE PARK, ITS VIBRATIONS FELT DEEP IN THE SOLES OF THE FEET. AND THOSE VIBRATIONS ARE ODDLY... PEACEFUL. A FIGURE EMERGES AND THOUGH HE SOARS HIGH IN THE AIR, THROUGH SOME TRICK OF MAGNIFICATION ALL CAN SEE HIM CLEARLY.

PEOPLE OF NORTH AM-- GREETINGS! I AM ARKON!


THE STRANGER SPEAKS IN A SOOTHING BARITONE, IN HARMONY WITH HIS SHIP. THOUGH ALL SEE HIM CLEARLY, EACH SEES A VERSION WHICH SPEAKS TO HIM MOST DIRECTLY.
I HAVE COME FROM THE FUTURE...
...TO ASSIST YOU IN BANISHING THE LAST STRAINS OF DISEASE FROM THE HUMAN RACE.
IN THE FUTURE WE HAVE ELIMINATED ALL PATHOLOGIES. THIS GIFT IS YOURS...
...SO THAT FUTURE GENERATIONS MIGHT BENEFIT.
DO YOU BELIEVE HER?
NO. I MISTRUST ALTRUISTIC STRANGERS. AND WHY DO YOU CALL HIM HER?
MAGNUS.
I KNOW OF YOUR GREAT SERVICE TO MANKIND.
PERHAPS YOU COULD INTRODUCE ME TO THE AUTHORITIES.
I'M SURE THE AUTHORITIES WILL CONTACT YOU DIRECTLY.
MAGNUS!
WHAT IF ARKON SPEAKS THE TRUTH? WE DO HAVE DISEASE-- ON THE LOWER LEVELS. THERE'S NO NEED TO BE RUDE.
VERY WELL, ARKON. WE WOU BE HONORED T INTRODUCE YOU THE SENATE

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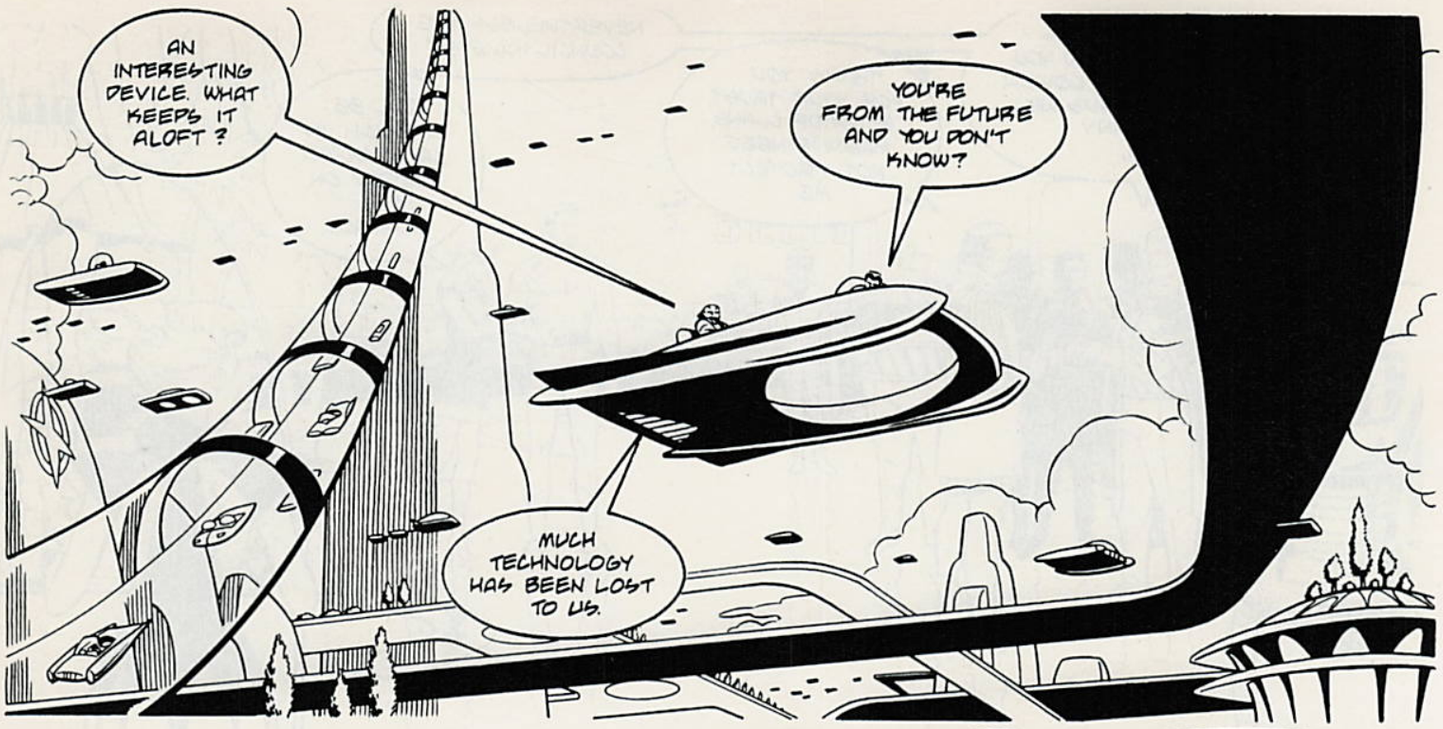

NORTH AM SENATE.
...SO, NOBLE CONGRESSPERSONS, IF YOU MEET ME HALFWAY I SWEAR TO RID THIS WORLD OF EVERY CANCER, EVERY INCAPACITY. YOU HAVE MADE GREAT STRIDES IN THE YEAR 4000, BUT THERE IS NO SHAME IN ACCEPTING HELP FROM THE FUTURE.
LOOKOUT POINT

WHAT IS IT YOU WANT, ARKON?
ACCESS TO YOUR LOWEST LEVELS. GOVERNMENT CLINICS WHERE I CAN TREAT THE ILL.
ROBOTS TO SPREAD THE WORD WHERE NO HEALTHY PERSON DARE GO.

I WISH I COULD AGREE WITH YOU, SENATOR PARKER. BUT I HAVE PROOF THAT DISEASE AND POLLUTION ARE FAR MORE WIDESPREAD THAN YOU THINK.

SHORTLY.
HE'S FROM THE FUTURE--HE HAS THE BENEFIT OF HINDSIGHT.
I SAY WE GIVE HIM A FEW TRIAL CLINICS. HOW CAN IT HURT?
CENTRAL'S ANALYZING HIS DATA NOW.
IF HE WERE HERE TO HARM US, HE WOULD HAVE DONE SO BY NOW.

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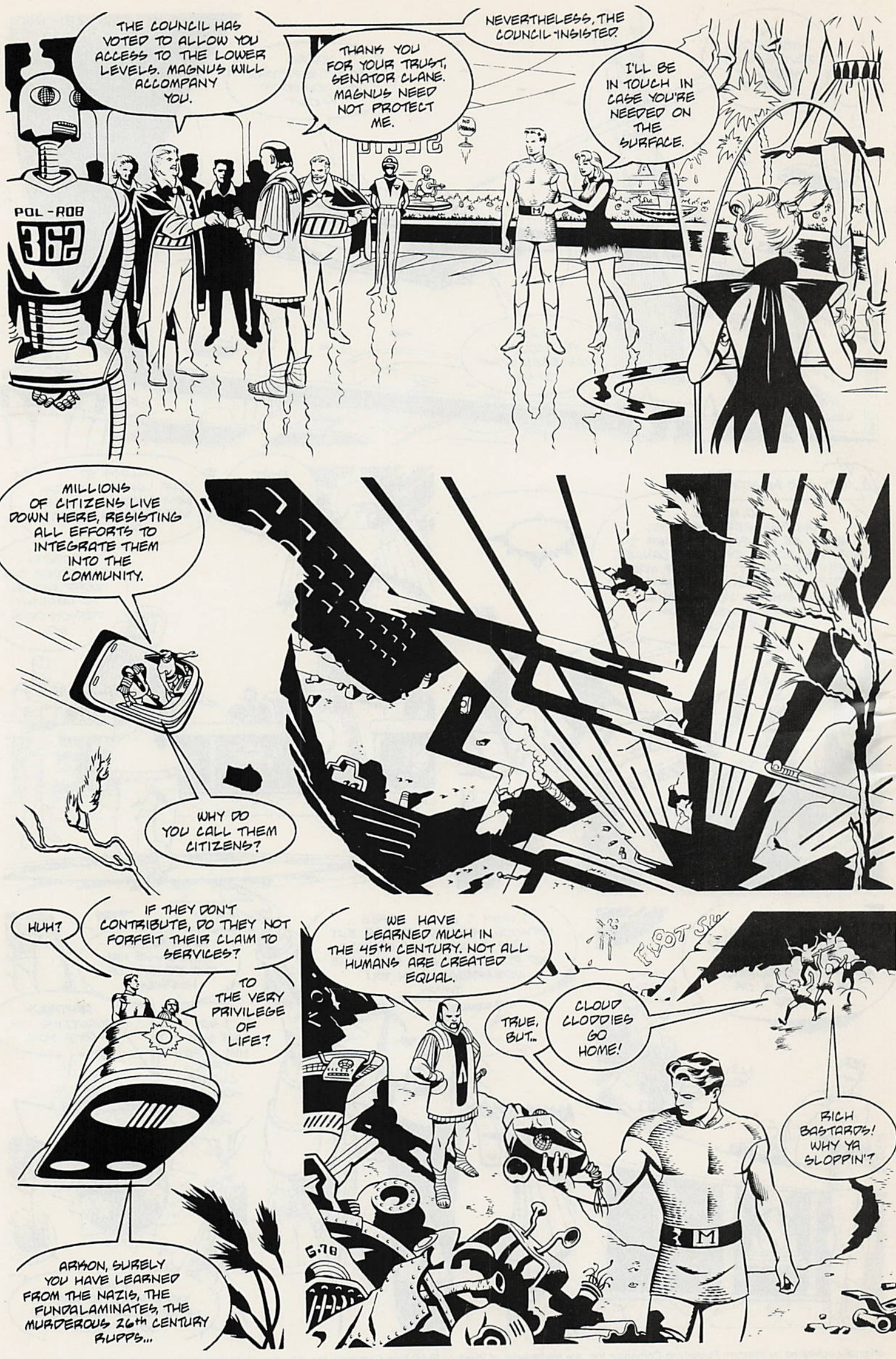
THE COUNCIL HAS VOTED TO ALLOW YOU ACCESS TO THE LOWER LEVELS. MAGNUS WILL ACCOMPANY YOU.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR TRUST, SENATOR CLANE. MAGNUS NEED NOT PROTECT ME.
NEVERTHELESS, THE COUNCIL INSISTED.
I'LL BE IN TOUCH IN CASE YOU'RE NEEDED ON THE SURFACE.
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MILLIONS OF CITIZENS LIVE DOWN HERE, RESISTING ALL EFFORTS TO INTEGRATE THEM INTO THE COMMUNITY.
WHY DO YOU CALL THEM CITIZENS?
HUH?
IF THEY DON'T CONTRIBUTE, DO THEY NOT FORFEIT THEIR CLAIM TO SERVICES?
TO THE VERY PRIVILEGE OF LIFE?
ARKSON, SURELY YOU HAVE LEARNED FROM THE NAZIS, THE FUNDALAMINATES, THE MURDEROUS 26th CENTURY RUPPS...
WE HAVE LEARNED MUCH IN THE 45th CENTURY. NOT ALL HUMANS ARE CREATED EQUAL.
TRUE, BUT...
CLOUD CLODDIES GO HOME!
RICH BASTARDS! WHY YA SLOPPIN'?
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